Appl. No. unassigned Amdt. dated 12 January 2005 Preliminary Amendment

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

In the claims, Claims 1, 13 and 16 have been amended to replace the erroneous numerical designation for the threaded opening from (16) to the proper numerical designation of (30). The present amendment does not add new matter but merely corrects an error in the numerical reference to the corresponding figures. Claim 10 was amended to emphasize that the handle mechanism (55) is engaged in an opening (106) through the first end (48) of the hammer (46). Applicant has deleted the limitation that the handle mechanism (55) be a ring-handle. No new matter is added to the specification by this amendment as applicant is merely eliminating one of the two limitations found in the original claim. In other words, the present amendment merely removes the limitation "ring-handle" while maintaining the limitation that the handle (53) be engaged in "an opening (106) through the first end (48) of the hammer (46)".

In the specification, paragraphs [0047] and [0049] have been amended to clarify the complimentary nature of the geometrics of the fitted opening (30) and the first end (32) of the actuator pin tube (26). As can be seen in the Figures corresponding to the fitted opening (30) and the first end (32) of the actuator pin tube (26), the sides of the fitted opening (30) and the sides of the first end (32) of the actuator pin tube (26) are complimentary in nature. Any geometric configuration well known in the mechanical arts for matting an opening and a tube that allows for a secure mating therebetween is considered complimentary. No new matter is added by the present amendment as fitted openings and complimentarily shaped tubes are well known in the mechanical arts.

No new matter is entered herein by the present amendments. The present amendments are for clarification only. Formal examination on the merits of the application is now respectfully requested.

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